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**Applicant:** Richard K. Bolen                      **Atty. Docket No.** 072395.00003  
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**Invention:** SECURE MERCHANDISE VENDING MACHINE

**AMENDMENT C**

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In response to the Office Action dated April 5, 2004, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.